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NODIS CHEROKEE

FROM AMBASSADOR EILTS IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, EG

SUBJECT: LONDON MIDDLE EAST MEETING - EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR FURTHER
DELAY

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0509

1. VP MUBARAK TELEPHONED 1400 TODAY. HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH SADAT OUR PROPOSED SCENARIO. SADAT, HE SAID WANTS THE KAMEL/DAYAN MEETING POSTPONED BY A FEW DAYS. ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, SADAT WILL ATTEND OAU SUMMIT JULY 17 TO 19. SADAT BELIEVES IT WILL BE OFFENSIVE TO NUMAYRI IF LONDON MEETING TAKES PLACE CONCURRENTLY. INSTEAD, SADAT ASKS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVITATION BE EXTENDED JULY 19, GOE WILL WAIT ONE DAY TO REPLY AND LONDON MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE ANY TIME BEGINNING JULY 21. KAMEL WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ARRIVE DAY BEFORE MEETING IS SCHEDULED.

2. I EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT, NOTING THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ONCE DELAYED MEETING AT EGYPTIAN REQUEST AND REITERATING JULY 18-19 DATES HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY KAMEL. MUBARAK APOLOGIZED THAT GOE IS NOT
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BETTER COORDINATED, BUT INSISTED THAT SADAT FEELS STRONGLY THAT LONDON MEETING SHOULD NOT COINCIDE WITH HIS PRESENCE IN KHARTOUM AT OAU SUMMIT. SADAT BELIEVES THAT THIS WOULD DEEPLY OFFEND NUMAYRI AND WOULD BE SEEN AS AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE NUMAYRI'S ARAB RECONCILIATION EFFORTS.

3. SADAT WANTS OUR ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER GOE HAS APPROVED ATTENDANCE AT LONDON MEETING. THIS MUBARAK NOTED, WILL (ACCORDING REVISED EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL) BE SOMETIME ON JULY 20.

4. RE WEIGHING IN WITH SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS, SADAT ASKED THAT WE DO THIS "TWO OR THREE DAYS" FROM NOW. THIS WILL GIVE EGYPTIANS OPPORTUNITY BRIEF SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS IN ADVANCE.

5. REGRET THE LATEST REQUEST TO CHANGE SCENARIO, BUT IT IS TYPICALLY EGYPTIAN. ONE HAND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE OTHER IS DOING. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE REVISION ACCEPTABLE.

6. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO JERUSALEM FOR SAUNDERS. MCCLELLAND

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